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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7836**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 2034**

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 20, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 19, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Rape Crisis Centers.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill establishes a Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund to be administered by the Office of Women's Health within the State Department of Health. The bill establishes a Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fee. The bill uses the revenue generated by the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fee to fund the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund to provide assistance to rape crisis centers.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill establishes a Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund to be administered by the Office of Women's Health within the State Department of Health. The purpose of the Fund will be to fund rape crisis centers that provide services to victims of sexual assault.

The bill established a Sexual Assistance Victims Fee of at least \$250 and not more than \$1,000 against an individual convicted of a sexual offense as specified in the bill. This fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund. The Indiana Prosecuting Attorney Council has received statistics on the number of convicted sexual offenders from 50 of the state's counties, which does not include the larger counties such as Allen, Lake, Elkhart, and Clark. These statistics indicate that for 1999, there were 305 individuals convicted of the sexual offenses specified in this bill. Convicted offenders in this sample of counties would have paid approximately \$76,250 - \$305,000 in fees.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Office of Women's Health, State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Indiana Prosecuting Attorney Council.